GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PILFERAGE OF BIO- MEDICAL WASTE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of hospitals are not disposing of their bio-medical waste as per the guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the pilferage of hospital waste poses threat to the patients and the people living in the surrounding area of the hospital;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely disposal of bio-medical waste without pilferage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) In so far as Central Government Hospitals viz. Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, LHMC and associated hospitals are concerned the Bio-medical Waste is collected, segregated, transported, stored, treated and disposed off as per the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. In each of the hospital an Infection Control Committee is in existence which review, monitor and initiate appropriate action as and when required. Training to the doctors, nurses, para-medical staff and others are sensitized periodically regarding the safe handling of the Bio-medical Waste. Moreover the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has prepared the National Guidelines on Bio-medical Waste Management in consonance with the Rules and circulated to all the states and UTs for compliance.